FIVE HUNDRED MEN OUT.

in Full Force at Belleville.

Belleville News Notes.

-John Solsch is seriously ill at his home of South Iron street.

Alton Notes and Personals.

-James R. Flick of Zanesville, O., Is a visiter in Alton.

New Roundhouse for Venice. The Chicago and Alton Railroad round-house at Venice is rapidly aproaching com-pletion and will be ready by the first of next month. The shops adjoining will not be finished until March.

Shot While Hunting.

Henry Dohlman, while hunting at Horse-shoe Lake, yesterday, was accidentally shot by a companion. The charge penetrated his back. Bohlman was brought to Granite City for treatment.

Jerseyville Notes.

Tri-City Notes.

-Services of the Granite City Christian Church will be held in Rosenberg's Hall next Surday

-Madison avenue in Madison, from Fifteenth street to the Granite City line, will be graded and improved.

hip were bruised. He was removed to his home in a carriage after being treated by Doctor Fitzpatrick of No. 5833 Enston ave-

NATIONAL SAENGERFEST FUND.

Subscriptions Amounting to \$12,

880 Reported Yesterday.

The Citizens' Committee of the Nationa

wright building yesterday afternoon to hear

reports of progress made by the various

committees appointed at a recent meeting

to solicit funds for the National Saenger

fest, to be held in St. Louis in 1966.

Encouraging reports were made by more than a half dozen committeemen, who said that the citizens were contributing in a liberal manner to the fund.

The largest subscription reported so far was turned in yesterday by Otto G. Stifel, president of the association. It was a contribution of \$10,000 from the breweries.

The total subscriptions obtained in two weeks work by those committees which reported yesterday amount to \$12,290.

No other business was transacted at the meeting, and adjournment was taken subject to the call of the chairman, Edward Devoy, It is expected that all the committees will report shortly after New Year's, and Chairman Devoy stated that the responses from the various committees indi-

sponses from the various committees indi-cated a great deal of interest in the af-fair and that there was no doubt about

REBELS MARCH ON CARACAS.

Hope to Overthrow Castro and

Elect New President.

PECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 16 .- (Copy

right, 1902.)-Senor Rejas, agent in this

island of the Venezuelan revolutionists, de-

nies the report that they have joined common cause with Castro against the allies

On the centrary, according to reports re

ITALY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE.

Officially Notifies World's Fair

Commissioner Cridler.

Rome, Dec. 16.-Signor Bacelli, Minister of Commerce, has informed Fair Commissioner Cridler that Italy will be unable officially to participate in the St. Louis World's Fair. He promised, however, to

encourage Italian manufacturers to sup-

The Nazionale and other newspapers,

commenting on this news, remark that the

decision is not flattering to Italy's credit

Westerners In New York.

port the Fair privately.

in the eyes of the world.

raising the necessary amount.

fest, to be held in St. Louis in 1998.

City for treatment.



Springfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—The Blinois Su-preme Court to-day hanced down a decision in the soit of the Royal Insurance Com-pany of Lendon against Insurance Commis-sioner Vates to recover amoney paid by it under the Blegal 2 per cent tax law of 1999. In the Sangamon Circuit Court the commany recovered informers for the company recovered judgment for the amount so pull and the Supreme Court re-

On this decision depends claims now pend-ing before the Illinois Claims Commission Mean, Mo. 100. On this decision depends claims now pending before the Illinois Claims Commission which aggregate \$33,590 and other sults in the lower court for \$158,000. The claims before the claims of money collected under the law of 1859 before it was declared unconstitutional and paid into the State Treasury. The sults brought in the Circuit Court are for the amounts cellected by the Insurance Commissioner under the law after its legality had been questioned and held by him pending the final distostion of the matter.

The case is a notable one for the reason that the Attorney General appeared in it at The case is a notable one for the reason that the Attorney General appeared in it at the eleventh hour, after it was almost ready for submission and got leave to file a restatement, reply bite and argument. Up to this time the case had been conducted for the Commissioner by Attorney Fred Rowe of the Insurance Department and W. P. Thornton of Chicago.

TREATY WITH SPAIN RATIFIED. married evening. There Was Neither Debate Nor

Division in the Senate.

Washington, Dec 16.—The Senate in ex-ecutive session to-day ratified the treaty of friendship and general relations between the United States and Spain.

The Spanish treaty was ratified without debate or division. The attendance was small and as soon as the treaty had been read. Senator Lodge, who was in the chair, put the question, and there being no dissent, he declated the resolution of ratification car-ried by the necessary two-thirds vote.

EXHIBITION OF MARINE ART. Mesdag Will Have His Collection

at Museum of Fine Arts To-Day. Twenty-seven paintings by the famous Dutch marine arrist, Henrik W. Mesdag, will be on exhibition to-day at the Museum of Fine Aris. Mr. Mesdag is 71 years old. For over fifty years he has striven to depict on canvas the beauties of the sea and sky. As a result he is regarded as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, marine arists in the world. The maintains to be exhibited here are an of the sea. Twenty of them are large views and seven are smaller, but all of them are scenes taken on the North Sea, where Mr. Mesdag has done much of his painting, in fact, almost to the exclusion of other blaces.

CHAN DISTRILLING

DOES NOT ALLOW CLAIMS.

Supreme Court Decides Against
Royal Insurance Company.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Resident Court Special Company.

Resident Court Special Claims Special Special Court this early date planning for of the work of Dutch artists.

FORGOT MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Bridegroom Came to Wedding Without the Necessary Paper.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mian. Me., Drc. 16.—Mr. Roy McClintock and Miss Ada Coller of Milan were to have been married here Saturday, but the bridegroom forgot the marriage license.

McClintock is a passenger brakeman on the O. K. line, and his run is from Kansas City to Quiney. Ill. His train changes engines here, and they had placited to be married at the Depot Hotel while the engines were being change. The young bride-to-be together with several friends, was at the depot with a minister when the train came in. McClintock run into the hotel and said he

McClintock ran into the hotel and said he was ready. The minister asked for the license, and it was then discovered that he had forgotten it.

There was no time to get one, as the train was then ready to pull out for Quincy. The engineer suggested that Miss Colter board the train and have the extensory performed at Quincy, which she did, and they were married at the Pacific House the same evening.

STOLE MARCH ON FRIENDS. H. M. H. Bruce and Miss Garthright Were Married at Carthage.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Cattinge, Mo., Dec. 16.—H. M. H. Bunce, assistant cashier of the Bank of Sheidon, Mo., and Miss Maude Garthright stole a march on their friends to-day and were married this evening at the Harrington Hotel in this city.

The Reverend Doctor W. S. Knight, president of the Carthage Collegiate Institute. ident of the Carthage Collegiate Institute, officiated. Both are members of well-known families, and are prominent in society. They will reside in Sheldon, returning to that vil-

Woman Shot at Marion, Ill.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marion, Ill., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Lizzie Russell was shot through the thigh while trying to Marion, ill., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Lizzie Russell was shot through the thigh while trying to collect a debt from three persons whom she visited in their room to-night. The shot was fired from the room, and one of the three persons, she claims, did the shooting. The wound is serious, if not fatal. Arrests will follow.

Army Deserter Arrested. REPUBLIC SPECIAL,

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Mr. Mesdag was born wealthy. His father

EAST SIDE NEWS.

HUNTSMEN BROUGHT DEER AND STORIES OF THE CHASE.

Frank B. Bowman and L. B. Harvey Bring Fine Bucks to Their East Side Homes.

Frank B. Bowman and I. B. Harvey returned yesterday from Colorado and Arkansas, respectively, and each brought home an excellent specimen of deer, as well

home an excellent specimen of deer, as well as a good hunting stery.

Mr. Bowman's buck is the biggest ever seen on the East Side. He had been hunting for two weeks and had not caught sight of a deer until last Wednesday, when his guide discovered footprints in the snow. The sportsman's heart revived as he pictured himself getting a shot at what promised to be a big buck.

To Mr. Bowman the deer looked almost as big as an elephant. The animal was standing in the center of a little clearing, and its nose was poised high in the air.

nese was poised high in the air.
"Shoot quick," came the command of the guide as Mr. Bowman raised his rifle to his guide as Mr. Bowman raised his rifle to his shoulder and pulied the trigger. The buck jumped high in the air, fell and tried to rise, then fell again. By the time the hunters reached the animal's side it was dead. The bullet had pierced its heart. Mr. Harvey returned yesterday from near Paragould, Ark., where he has been hunting for several days. His trophy was a large buck which he shot while on the run. He came on the animal unexpectedly, after following the trail for several hours. The first bullet he fired caught the deer near the heart.

THIEF WORKED CLEVER RUSE.

Robbed Mrs. Knapke Under Guise of Deputy Assessor.

"If a young man, representing himself as a Deputy Assessor, enters your home, scald him with boiling water and call for the police," is the advice given by Chief of Police Herman C. Hauss to East St. Louis hourekeepers as the result of the visit of a sneak thief who has secured an entrance to a number of East St. Louis homes under the guise of a Deputy Assessor.

A young man wearing a black stiff hat and a long overcoat called at the home of Mrs. Knapke at No. 118 South Main street. East St. Louis, yesterday morning. He said he was the Deputy Assessor and had come there to look over Mrs. Knapke's household goods and report whether they were listed at their proper value.

The young man went through the house and apparently rook an inventory of Mrs. Knapke's household goods. When he departed Mrs. Knapke missed her purse-containing St., which she had laid on the dining-room table. Mrs. Knapke notified the police.

Chief Hauss says that the young man or an accomplice has worked both St. Louis and East St. Louis. He says that the man does not rob more than one house a week and he advises housekeepers to use drastic measures to assist the Police Department in eatching the thief.

East St. Louis items.

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The young men of the Bond M. E. Sunday hood will give a social Saturday evening. School will give a social Saturday evening.

-W. A. Rodenberg, Congressman elect, will deliver his lecture on "Beneath Hawalian Palms and Stars" Friday evening in St. Louis, under the ampices of the St. Louis Y. M. - A.

-The Salvation Army will give a dinner to the poor of East 't. Louis on Christmas Boy.

The matriage of Miss Imagene Davis and Frank Monroe of Logan, O. Look pince last night at the home of the bride.

-The members of the Arapahoe Club will give a dance Tuesday evening, Documber 2, at Judson Hall. Mrs. Stephen Pynes will ent cain the Green by Euchre Club this afternien at her homeon cht nachte Chu ins alternen at her home in cht nachte.

The East St. Louis High School will have a mock trial on January 3. The following will take part in the trial. H. Freeman, R. Mc-clealian, Thomas Samuel, Colin Cross, A. Re-nard, Kelsoe Cunnady, Homer Gillen and Stookey Carr.

ONE INDICTMENT FOR MURDER. St. Clair County Grand Jury Returns

St. Clair County Grand Jury Returns a List of True Bills.

Indictments returned by the St. Clair County Grand Jury, which was adjourned yesterday after a session lasting twelve days; follow:

Samuel Lewis, for murder of his wife. Nora Lewis, at East St. Louis, November 15; Peter Ankney, assault to commit murder on Nicholas Boismenue at East Carondelet November 17; Charles W. Dickens, bigamy, in that he married on October 25, 182, at East St. Louis, Miss Elizabeth Jeffrey, under the name of C. W. Dixon, being already married to Flora Dickens, who was then alive; John Whelan and John Burns, for assault with intent to murder August Blucker at East St. Louis June 25; Alexander Sanderson, burgiary and larceny; Julius Moffatt and Thomas Travers, burgiary and larceny;

TWO FIREMEN ARE HURT IN RESPONDING TO ALARMS.

ecident to Member of No. 10 Is Duplication of One Which Resulted Fatally to Truckman McCarty.

While responding to an alarm, Daniel small, tillerman on Truck No. 10, located at Saengerfest Association met in the Wain-No. 5459 Arsenal street, was thrown to the pavement in front of the station about 10 o'clock last night, and seriously hurt. Doctor H. W. H. Allen of the Female Hospital, who attended him in the firehouse, where he was removed unconscious, stated that he received a fractured skull and other injuries, which may result fatally.

The accident occurred as the truck started over the Bellefontaine tracks. Small was jarred off. He struck upon his head and was unconscious when picked up.

About 7 o'clock last night a Bellefontaine car coilided with engine No. 2 at Virginia

car coilided with engine No. 2 at Virginia and Loughborough avenues, and Fireman Robert beebe was thrown to the street and rendered unconscious. Driver Phillip Conway escaped injury by jumping. Both the engine and the car were considerably damaged. This accident is supposed to be due to a misunderstanding between the motorman and driver.

The two accidents of last night make a total of five firemen who have been killed or injured since Sunday night. Cornelius McCarty, driver of truck No. 12, was thrown to the street about 3 o'clock Monday morning at Bircher road and Florissant avenue and instantly killed. Monday night William Freimuth, a pipeman of Company No. 15, fell from a ladder at the fire at No. 318 North Commercial street and landed upon the head of George Rogers, fireman of No. 6. Both were slightly injured.

Small, who is single and 41 years old, lives at No. 369 Arsenal street. Boebe at 6718 Virginia avenue. Both men were removed to their homes.

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repsonding was in a barn at No. 2019 Ed-wards street, owned by William Wachter, and the damage is estimated at \$300. The other was inconsequential. On the contrary, according to reports received to-day, the Government troops under General Velutini have been twice defeated by the revolutionists, first at Guiria and later at El Chico, where they were completely routed and field in disorder. Moreover, it is reported from Alta Gracia that General Rolando, at the head of 6,000 revolutionists, is marching of Caracas, with the object of capturing the city and overthrowing Castro. The rebels in Trinidad believe that if Roliando's advance proves successful, he will elect a new President, who will treat with England and Germany and thus quickly end the difficulty. FUNERAL SET FOR TO-DAY. Judge Martin's Body to Be

Brought to Bridgeton.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Columbia, Mo., Dec. 16.-The funeral serv ices of Judge Martin will be held to-mor row morning at 8 o'clock in the university auditorium, after which the body will be

auditorium, after which the body will be sent for interment to Bridgeton, a suburb of St. Louis, the deceased's former home. The funeral sermon will be preached by the Reverend J. P. Horton, the rector of the Columbia Episcopal Church, of which Judge Martin was a member.

At the request of the family and the Board of Curators and counsel of the university. Walter Williams will speak in memory of the dead on behalf of the university. There will be no other addresses. The battalion of cadets will be in attendance. Licutenant Chitty will have charge of the ceremonies and the line of march from the university to the station.

The members of the law classes met this afternoon and adopted resolutions of sympathy and respect. The members of the Boone County bar also adopted resolutions, as well as many of the classes at the university. The law department has been temporarily suspended and there will be no classes heard or lectures given to-morrow.

The university flag is flying at half-mast to-day and the law building is draped in black. The classes will make elaborate floral offerings.

The following students, members of the

Westerners in New York.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 16.—Among the arrivals at the hotels here to-day were the following from St. Louis:

J. T. Langhorne, M. F. Watts, J. H. Bryson, A. C. Fowler, G. H. Coutrill, A. B. Dunont, F. E. Marshall, Waldorf, H. Weever and Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. N. C. Chapman, C. S. Glazer and Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. N. C. Chapman, C. S. Glazer and Mrs. Welts, Major, H. C. Dennis, Weaver, Mrs. N. C. Chapman, C. S. Glazer and Wrs. Welts, Mrs. Hitner, Grand: W. N. McConkin, W. H. Lattimer, Albernarle, W. N. McConkin, W. H. Lattimer, Albernarle, H. T. Harris, W. L. Willard and Mrs. Willard, Herald Square, E. Sheahy, W. J. Semelruth, Herald Square, E. Sheahy, W. J. Semelruth, Horadway Central; E. Volkening, Holland; C. G. Harrs, Bartholdi, J. L. Farmer, Marthoro; P. H. Bilsman, Imperial; C. Sieber, Sinclair; H. Solomon, Navarre; H. W. Quernheim, Herald Square. black. The classes will make elaborate floral offerings.

The following students, members of the law department, were to-day appointed pallbearers: J. T. Davis, Berger; J. E. Landon, Marshall; R. W. McConnell, Greenfield; R. L. Owen, Flat River; Frank A. Thompson, St. Louis; William F. Schumeyer, St. Louis, and S. J. Walton, Troy.

Injured in Boarding a Car. Otto Brandenburg, 54 years old, residing at No. 5648 North Market street, was pain-fully injured yesterday by falling as he at-tempted to board an Easton avenue car at Blackstone avenue. His left shoulder and

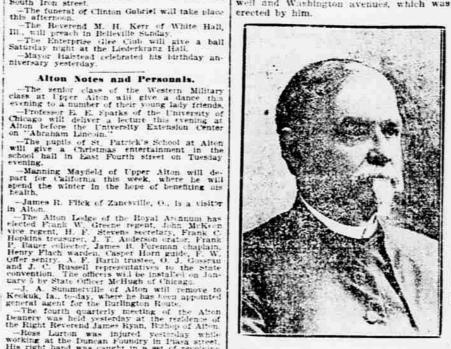
DOCTOR ROBERT CELEBRATES SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

Former Rector of Episcopal Church Michael Roach and John Baxter, robbery; Robert DeShields, tarceny; Henry Smith, assault to kill John Hennenthal at East St. Louis October 9. of Holy Communion Enjoys Good Health in Advanced Years.

The Reverend Doctor P. G. Robert of No. Strike of Tenmsters and Hod Carriers 3224 Washington avenue yesterday celebrat-The lockout of the building trades of Believille is now on. It is roughly estimated that at least 500, and perhaps more, men are now out of employment as a result of the differences between the teamsters and hodearriers and the contractors.

The teamsters and hodearriers, as has been stated, refuse to handle nonunion brick. This brick, it is said by the contractors, is handled by teamsters and hod carriers not three miles from Belleville. ed the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth. There was no special observance of the occasion other than a dinner being given to his children.

Doctor Robert is one of the oldest Epis-copal ministers in St. Louis. He was ordained a dencon fifty years ago by Bishop Meade of Virginia, and one year later was relained a minister by Bishop Johns. Doctor Robert retired from the pulpit five years ago. He was then rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, Leftingwell and Washington avenues, which was erected by him.



REVEREND DOCTOR P G ROBERT The oldest Episcopal minister, who yesterday celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday.

day celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday.

On the last day he occupied the pulpit, Doctor Robert told The Republic last night, he held five services and the following day he collapsed, and for a time it was thought he could not recover. To-day, however, while advanced in years, he enjoys apparent good health, and devotes almost the entire day to work in his studio.

Owing to his advanced years, Doctor Robert has severed all official connections with the church, but occasionally attends service at Trinity Episcopal Church, Channing and Franklin nyenues. He is regarded as one of the best posted men in the country on the laws of the Episcopal Church. He is known to every Episcopalian in St. Louis.

Doctor Robert was a close personal friend of the Reverend George C. Betts, pastor of the old Trinity Church, formerly located at Eleventh street and Washington avenue, who died one year ago in New York.

He is also an intimate friend of Bishop Tuttle, under whom he served for many years. He also served under Bishop Tuttles predecessor, the late Bishop Robert son.

A present received by Doctor Robert years. Funeral services for William Dillon, super-intendent of the Madison car snops, who died Sunday, were held yesterday at his home in Madison. After the services the hody was shipped to Cambridge City, Ind., for burial.

Son.

A present received by Doctor Robert yes-terday was a china tobacco jar, sent to him by his son. Bent Robert, who is managing editor of the San Francisco Examiner.

ITALIANS HAVE BEEN BADLY TREATED BY VENEZUELANS.

The funeral of Thomas Evans, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Evans of Jerseyville, took place yesterday afternoon from the Second dresbyerian Church, and the burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

The will of the late Levi H. Halliday, for many years a director in the National Back of Jerseyville, was admitted to probate yesterday, and Judge Charles S. White confirmed the selection of Mrs. Halliday as executrix. onl Mines Destroyed and Workmer Driven Away-All of One Firm's Property Ruined.

Rome, Dec. 16.-The claims of Italy against Venezuela referred to by Foreign Minister Prinetti in the Chamber of Deputies here yesterday comprise losses sus-tained by Italian citizens during the recent revolutions

The Epworth League of Venice is prepar-ing an entertalmment to be given in the holidays.

Miss Alma E. Harlow of Owensboro, Ky., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Bierbaum, of Wert Grantte City. -George Eyer, a tinner, feil from the roof of a building in Venice yesterday, breaking his right aim.

-The first concert of the Granite City male chorus will be held Saturday night at Forcade's Hail. Most of the 7,618 Italian residents of Venezuela have been heavy losers. The Pog-gloil firm, from Elba Island, is the greatest sufferer. All its property was sacked, Other important losers are an engineer named Martinetti and ex-Deputy Fagi, controller of the Maricual coal mines, which were invaded by the Venezuelan troops, who destroyed everything and obliged the Italian

miners to flee from the country.

All the marble works in Venezuela, besides other industries, were in the hands of Italians, hence the aggregate of the Italian

claims for damages is large.

The instructions transmitted to Captain Orsini, commander of the Italian cruiser Glovanni Bausan, now at La Guayra, are to act in full accord with the British and German commanders in the blockade of the Venezuelan coast and any other measures which may be considered necessary in order to reach the desired object. The Italian Government, however, does not anticipate having to co-operate in a very serious ac-

The Italian emiser Elba is expected to arrive at La Guayra January 4. No further orders have been sent to the Italian armored cruiser Carlo Alberto to leave Canadian waters for Venezuela.

2 SPAIN AND BELGIUM ASK SHARE OF MONEY. 2

Caracas, Dec. 16.-The Spanish Minister to Venezuela, Senor Gaytan de . Ayala, and the Belgian Charge d'Af- . faires, M. Van Der Heyde, have pre- . sented a joint letter to the Venezu-♦ clan Minister of Foreign Affairs, in ♦ • which they ask, in care the claims of • ♦ Venezuela, that the same treatment ♦

Fire at Temple, Tex. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 18.—At an early hour this morning fire broke out in the confectionery store of J. R. Hill and caused the following losses: Downs & Bentley, on building, insurance, \$10.00, loss about \$4.50; J. R. Hill, confectionery, insurance \$1.50; loss, \$2.00; J. B. Loyd, dry goods, insurance \$1.50, loss about \$4.00; Herald Shoe Company, insurance \$2.50, damage by water \$1.00; Downs Cole & Co., insurance office, insurance \$200, demage \$50; J. K. Campbell, dentist, insurance \$50, damage \$50.

The fire is supposed to have been caused from a stove in the confectionery store.

RICH SILVER-PLATED WARE. RICH GOLD-PLATED WARE.

(Warranted 24-Karat Ormolu Gold Plate.)

AT HALF PRICE AND LESS.

The mammoth plant of the Anchor Silver Plate Co. of Muncie, Indiana, was compelled to shut down on account of the lack of fuel (natural gas), and the company, seeking to sell its entire balance of stock, found The Meyer Store the only retail store in St. Louis not already stocked up on holiday goods. A condition of affairs which, owing to the nearness of Xmas, caused the company to sell its stock at this great sacrifice, and the entire stock, 12,000 and odd pieces, is displayed

FOR SALE ON THE 3D FLOOR.

Every piece is guaranteed new and direct from the factory, bearing the manufacturer's stamp, and every piece is guaranteed less th in the same goods are being sold for anywhere else in St. Louis.

THE ASSORT- CLOCKS IS VERY MENT OF . . CLOCKS LARGE.

(All Being 24-Karat Ormolu Gold Plate.)

The other articles comprise Bake Dishes, Berry Sets.

Pomude Boxes. Frames. Fern Dishes. Ten Sets.

Candelabrums. Candelabrums,
Cliar Cups,
Calendars,
Crumb Sets,
Cracker Jars,
Comports,
Smoking Sets,
Tankards,
And many other articles.

FINE DOLLS.

The Meyer Store has been fortunate in closing out at special reduced prices the balance stock of Dolls of two large wholesale houses and are now offering special bargains.

BIG FLOOD DAMAGES IN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.

mall Streams Bank Full and Some Overflowing-Five Lives Reported Lost in Bonz, Ky.

Louisville, Dec. 16.-The general rainfall which has prevailed over Kentucky, Arkanas and Tennessee since Saturday has eased, warmer weather and heavy precipitation being reported to-day in the Gulf States. All Kentucky streams are out of their banks and in many localities rising rapidly. Extensive dumage is reported, particularly

in the Eistern countles and Western Ken-tucky, Hopkinsville and Elizabethtown, Ky., tucky. Hopkinsville and Elizabethtown, Ky., were in darkness last night, the lighting plants being several feet under water. In Ohio several thousand acres of low lands are uneer water, and reports from Paducah, Bowing Green, Owenstero, Earlingtown and other places tell of loss. At Elizabethtown Rough Creek is the lighest since 18t. A steel bridge at Hill's Mills was washed away and the Vartres bridge over the same creek was carried downstream.

Many families were taken out of their homes last night in boats. The Ohio River is rising rapidly from Cattettsburg to Cairo and the Kentucky rose ten feet during the night at Frankfort.

Scarcely a train arrived in Louise careely a train arrived in Louisville on count of washouts to-day.

WHOLE TOWN SUBMERGED. Five Children Reported Drowned at

Bonz, Ky.-Flood Damage Heavy. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 16.—Thousands of dol-lars' worth of property was destroyed in this section yesterday as a result of the

floods.

Boaz, Graves County, suffered worst. The whole town was submerzed. It is situated in a hollow, through which runs Mayfield Creek, which overflowed. It was reported to-day that five children were drowned. Henry Taylor was drowned in Calloway County while trying to save mules.

Peeple at Boaz had to flee to the roofs and second stories and many remained there all night, suffering from the intense cold. The Illinois Central tracks are partially under water between here and Louisville and Memphis. Men stood in it waist deep all last night flagging trains.

VENEZUELAN WARRIOR IS TERRIFIED BY BIG GUNS. |

Display of Alarm by Commander of La Gunyra Fortress Badly

Scares the Citizens. La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 16.—The arrival of the British cruiser Charybdis and

torpedo-boat destroyer Quall yesterday caused a bad scare among the population of this place. commander of the fortress visited The

the American, French, Spanish and Dutch Consuls and asked them in case the British landed marines to intervene to prevent firing on the fort and to delay any movement the Government to evacuate the place. The commander added that if the Consuls refused to intervene and the fort was attacked, he would defend his post and could not answer for the consequences to the • given these Powers be accorded to • town, which is without any described by given these Powers be accorded to • town, which is without any discountry that the characteristics of a few armed police. town, which is without any defense now men. At 5 o'clock, however, the Charybdis nd the Quali left La Guayra and the fears of the population subsided.

What caused most of the alarm was the fact that when the British ships arrived they teek up a commanding position, their guns covering the fort, and remained sfationary for a few moments, as if about to open fire.

The Charybelis and the Quall steamed

away in the direction of Curacao. The foreign Consuls subsequently called on the Prefect, who assured them there was no danger at present. He added that the commander of the fort had been needlessly alarmed and had only succeeded in almost causing a panic.

Is Your Boy Coming Home for Christmas?

If you do for him as many other mothers do, you will see that he is supplied with the following to make his stay joyful, and his return to school more pleasant. A Tuxedo suit for parties, so-

cials, etc., \$35 and up. A nobby sack suit or two, \$25 and up.

A swell Winter Overcoat, \$30 and up. A lighter Top Coat, \$25 and up

A Spring Suit and Extra Trous ers that will do till he comes home next summer. Special prices to young men. Of course, all the boys know the best place is at the

MacCarthy-Evans Tailoring Co., 820 Olive St. Opp. P. O. St. Louis

ITALIAN MINISTER TO LEAVE CARACAS TO-DAY. Caracas, Dec. 16.-The Italian Minister, Signor De Riva, has received

orders from Rome to leave Caracas to-morrow morning. He will go on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan at La •

· Gunyra. · Signer Riva presented Italy's ultimatum to Venezuela at 5 o'clock this afternoon

SUNK SHIPS BECAUSE THEY WERE OF NO VALUE.

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Washington, Dec. 16.-Advices received at the German Embassy to-day relative to the sinking of the Venezuelan gunboats by the allied fleet bring important details about this incident. It seems that of the three Venezuelan men-of-war captured by the German squadron the Restaurador is of 600 tons displacement and the others, the Totumo and General Crespo, were of 137

Manned with German sailors, the Restaurador now flies the German sanors the Restaurador now flies the German flag. The other two vessels, it is claimed, were not seaworthy enough to make the voyage to Trinidad, nor was it possible to tug them to port, as the squadron was in search of Venezielan men-of-war.

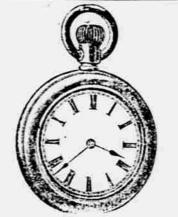
The German commander, it is added, realizing the ships were of no value, decided to sink them.

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